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For : METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF AN ULTRA BARRIER LAYER
SYSTEM

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111
IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 25, 2010**

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, **Mail Stop Amendment**
Randolph Building
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated February 25, 2010, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until May 25, 2010.

Applicants note that this response is being filed prior to expiration of the three-month shortened statutory period, whereby an extension of time and the government fee associated therewith should not be necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application. However, if any extension of time and/or fee is necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application, Applicants expressly request any necessary extension of time and authorize the charging of any required fee, including any required claim fee and/or extension of time fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Amendments to the Claims appear in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested in view of the remarks presented herein.